

PROCLAMATION MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS DAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2005

WHEREAS, muscular dystrophy, which affects more than 400 North Dakota adults and children, is a group of hereditary, muscle-destroying disorders that vary in inheritance pattern, age of onset, initial muscles attacked and rate of progression; and

WHEREAS, a significant commitment of time and financial resources is required each day to meet the challenges imposed by these chronic, progressive neuromuscular diseases; and

WHEREAS, a combination of comprehensive medical care and scientific research allows a growing number of North Dakotans with muscular dystrophy to be contributing members of our society and our economy; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize the commitment of individuals with muscular dystrophy and their families, medical personnel and non-profit organizations who assist them in their ongoing efforts to manage the symptoms of the disease while working for a cure; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 5, 2005, **MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS DAY** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

Attest:

/s/ Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State